



Tom Barrett
Mayor, City of Milwaukee

January 8, 2010

Members of the Milwaukee Board of School Directors:

I received a request from your Office of Board Governance this week to participate in next Thursday's interview of the final three candidates you have chosen for the MPS Superintendent position. I look forward to meeting each of them and hearing their vision for improving outcomes for our students.

I have previously indicated my preference to refine the search timetable until there is resolution on the various legislative proposals to alter the selection process. The selection of the next superintendent for MPS is one of the most important decisions facing our community. We must make sure we hire someone who has the skills to realize significant improvements and that we can clearly define expectations and accountability.

In order to be an effective partner in this process, I am writing to request that copies of the candidates' applications and all related materials be provided to each of us on the selection committee by Monday, January 11, so we have adequate time to review and prepare thoughtful questions. I also request that you provide us with a detailed description of the selection committee's role and a timeline and plan for the next steps in the final selection process by Monday as well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Barrett". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Tom Barrett
Mayor